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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/530,430 :  
FILED: APRIL 6, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3765  
FOR: PRESSURIZED STEAM JETTING :  
NOZZLE AND METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING  
NONWOVEN FABRIC USING THE  
NOZZLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.